

BOYD CHAPEL WORSHIP  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024 7:30 A.M.

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

*Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester and Beyond.*

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## Welcome

### Call to Worship

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

**Have mercy on us!**

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

**Hear us when we call!**

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

**We will magnify your holy name!**

‡ **HYMN 32**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

### Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.**

*Silence for personal confession*

### Words Of Forgiveness

**Scripture:** *Mark 13:1-8*

**Sermon:** "Now What!?" by the Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

### Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the**

**Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **✠ Benediction**

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#### **Advent Adult Sunday School Class**

Starting on December 1st and throughout the Sundays of Advent, please join Rev. Michael in Loudoun Hall at 9:45AM as we journey with reflections of famed 20th Century theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The class will be guided by the book *God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas*. Limited Copies Available in the office: \$10

#### **Wreath Making & Decorating**

Join us for wreath-making and Sanctuary Window Decorating on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 8:30 a.m. in Loudoun Hall! We need help collecting greens earlier in the week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Donations of Boxwood, Yew, Leland Cypress, Pine, and Magnolia are welcome, as well as volunteers to cut and collect greens. Please contact Rossi Selzer or Emily Skiles with questions!

#### **Every Pledge Counts!**

If you haven't had a chance to pledge yet, no worries—you're invited to be part of this season's stewardship! Visit the Sanctuary Entrance off of the Gathering Hall to pick up a pledge card and drop it in the secure box. Next to the box, you'll find our stewardship display, where you're encouraged to add a note sharing your hopes in this period of transformation. We're now at 51% of our goal, just 32 pledge cards away from filling our second balloon! Our campaign display includes three balloons, each representing 33% of our goal, which will fill with color as we progress. Your commitment helps shape the future of First Presbyterian Church and strengthens our community in faith.

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

4:00 pm Children's Ministry Service | Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Service | Fellowship Hall

9:00 pm Candlelight Service | Sanctuary

#### **Get Your Jazz Tickets Today!**

On Sunday, December 8th, at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall we'll welcome back Jackson Caesar for a Christmas Jazz Concert. Tickets are on sale now, and all proceeds will support the Helper Fund.



ROMANS 15:13